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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A photograph album system for removably receiving
- 2 and supporting photographs and image-bearing documents for
- 3 maximized convenience and aesthetic appearance comprising,
- 4 in combination:

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- 5 a spine including a pair of parallel side walls each
- 6 with a top end and bottom end and an interior edge and
- 7 exterior edge, the spine also including two panels, a top
- 8 panel and a bottom panel each with an interior and exterior
- 9 face, the top panel and bottom panel each being in parallel
- 10 relationship with each other and coupled at the top of the
- 11 walls and at the bottom of the walls for the receipt of
- 12 pages there between, the two walls and two panels being in a
- 13 rectilinear configuration with an open planar face from
- 14 which pages may extend and a closed arcuate face opposite
- 15 therefrom, the top panel having a fixed retainer portion
- 16 with a front face flush side walls, the side walls each
- 17 having an internal lateral groove at the bottom end thereof
- 18 adjacent to the bottom panel, and the side walls each have
- 19 an aperture there through at an intermediate location along
- 20 a mid line of the side walls thereof;



- 21 a plurality of cylindrical long posts having opposite
- 22 ends adapted to be received in the recesses the retainer
- 23 portion of the top panel of the spine adapted for the
- 24 receipt of the pages there around;
- a removable retainer having an exterior face and
- 26 plurality of internal retaining fingers, the removable
- 27 retainer adapted to slidably couple in the groove of the
- 28 spine and hold the cylindrical posts in an equally spaced
- 29 configuration;
- a short spine pin passing through the side wall
- 31 apertures to retain the posts in position within the spine;
- 32 and
- a plurality of pages all being made from flexible paper
- 34 products with the plurality of pages all being defined by a
- 35 plurality of signatures, the signatures being defined by a
- 36 plurality of page sets, each page set consisting of an
- 37 interior support sheet of a rectangular configuration having
- 38 a central vertical fold defining an inner bend and a pair of
- 39 outer edges, each page set further having a pair of exterior
- 40 cover sheets each having a central vertical fold positioned
- 41 around an individual outer edge of the interior support
- 42 sheet with each fold defining an outer bend and a pair of
- 43 inner edges lying in proximity to the inner bend of the
- 44 interior support sheet, the inner bend being adapted to hold

45 a cylindrical long post, the exterior covers being adhered

- 46 to the interior support sheet by glue on three sides such
- 47 that two pages are formed with separate pockets on each side
- 48 of each page with each pocket opening toward the inner edge
- 49 of the exterior cover sheet and the inner bend of the
- 50 interior support sheet, the interior support sheet initially
- 51 having a generally rectangular configuration having a top
- 52 and bottom edge and a pair of side edges and a central axis
- 53 with a pair of recesses at the top and bottom edge thereof,
- 54 the interior support sheet having a series of short
- 55 rectangular apertures along the central axis to facilitate
- 56 bending and a pair of circular apertures located equally
- 57 spaced from the central axis along a mid line of the
- 58 interior support sheet, the exterior cover sheets initially
- 59 being of a rectangular configuration and having a plurality
- 60 of rectangular apertures 80 aligned along the central axis
- 61 which serve to frame the photograph and like image-bearing
- 62 document.
 - 1. 2. A photograph album system comprising:
- 2 a spine having a fixed retainer at one end thereof and
- 3 a removable retainer having a plurality of internal
- 4 retaining fingers at the other end with a plurality of
- 5 cylindrical posts received in the spine;

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- 6 a plurality of pages defined by a plurality of
- 7 signatures, each signature being defined by a plurality of
- 8 page sets, each page set consisting of at least one interior
- 9 support sheet with an outer edge and an associated exterior
- 10 cover sheet being folded around the outer edge of the
- 11 interior support sheet with each exterior cover sheet having
- 12 a central fold defining an outer bend; and
- posts coupling the pages to the spine.
- 1 3. The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein all
- 2 of the pages are made from flexible paper products.
- 1 4. The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the
- 2 exterior cover sheet of each page set is adhered to the
- 3 interior support by glue along three edges.
- 1 5. A photograph album system comprising:
- 2 a spine;
- 3 a plurality of pages defined by a plurality of
- 4 signatures, each signature being defined by a plurality of
- 5 page sets, each page set consisting of an interior support
- 6 sheet having a central fold and exterior cover sheets each
- 7 being folded around an individual outer edge of interior
- 8 support sheet with each having a central fold defining an

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- 9 outer bend, the exterior cover sheets being adhered to the
- 10 interior support sheet such that two pages are formed with
- 11 separate pockets on each side of each page; and
- posts coupling the pages to the spine.
 - 1 6. The invention as set forth in Claim 5 wherein the
 - 2 spine includes a top panel having a fixed retainer portion
 - 3 with a plurality of recesses and a removable retainer having
 - 4 a plurality of internal retaining fingers and page
 - 5 supporting posts between the recesses and fingers.
 - 1 7. The invention as set forth in Claim 5 wherein the
- 2 spine includes side walls with an aperture there through at
- 3 an intermediate location along a midline thereof, the
- 4 plurality of page sets having a pair of circular apertures
- 5 located equally spaced from a central axis along a midline
- 6 of an interior support and a short spine pin to retain the
- 7 posts in position within the spine.
- 1 8. The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the
- 2 cover sheet and support sheet are coupled by glue lines with
- 3 passageways adjacent to center folds of the cover sheet for
- 4 the passage of photographs.

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- 1 9. The invention as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the
- 2 cover sheets and support sheets are coupled by glue lines
- 3 and with slots in the cover sheets for the passage of
- 4 photographs.

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